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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PLANNING REGARDING REQUESTS FOR POLITICAL
ASYLUM

REF: MANILA 5323

1. WHILE WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE ANY PHILIPPINE FIGURES
ARE CONSIDERING POLITICAL ASYLUM, WE BELIEVE IT IS
PRUDENT--IN LIGHT SOME ANXIETY RE POSSIBLE RETRIBUTION
OR UNREST IN WAKE APRIL 7 ELECTIONS--TO REVIEW POLICY
AND PROCEDURES REGARDING REFUGE OR POLITICAL ASYLUM
REQUESTS FROM PHILIPPINE NATIONALS. MISSION WATCH
COMMITTEE MET APRIL 6 AND REVIEWED CURRENT GUIDANCE,
PARTICULARLY PROVISIONS OF 2 FAM 227-229 (AUGUST 18, 1972).

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND CURRENT GUIDANCE:

--IT IS NOT POLICY TO GRANT ASYLUM TO FOREIGN NATIONALS
WITHIN TERRITORY OF FOREIGN STATES;

--BUT WE ARE ENJOINED TO CONSIDER SUCH REQUESTS ON THEIR
MERITS;

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--ALSO IT IS U.S. POLICY TO GRANT TEMPORARY
REFUGE FROM IMMINENT AND SERIOUS HARM TO "UNINVITED
PERSONS."

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE ARE ANY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OR
GUIDANCE IN HANDLING ASYLUM AND REFUGE REQUESTS WITH

WHICH WE SHOULD BE FAMILIAR. WE ARE WELL AWARE OF
COURSE OF IMPORTANCE OF IMMEDIATE COMMUNICATIONS WITH
DEPARTMENT IN ANY SUCH CASES.
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